Mini dictionary

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allow for sth to consider or include something when you are making plans or judging a situation *37*

answer (sb) back if someone, especially a child, answers back, or answers someone back, they reply rudely to someone they should be polite to *20*

ask after sb/sth to ask for information about someone, especially about their health *59*

ask out sb or ask sb out to invite someone to come with you to a place such as the cinema or a restaurant, especially as a way of starting a romantic relationship *1, 52*

ask sb over/round to invite someone to come to your house *1, 59*

back down to admit that you are wrong or that you have been defeated, often because you are forced to *38*

back off to stop being involved in a situation, especially in order to allow other people to deal with it themselves *34*

back onto sth if a building backs onto something, its back faces that thing *24*

back out to decide not to do something that you were going to do or that you had agreed to do *38*

back up (sth) or back (sth) up to make a copy of computer information so that you do not lose it *65*

back up sb or back sb up to say that someone is telling the truth *38*

back up sb or back sb up to support or help someone *68*

back-up *n* an extra copy of computer information *65*

bang into sth to knock against something, usually by accident *21*

bank on sth to depend on something happening *34*

bargain for/on sth to expect something to happen and be prepared for it *37*

barrack for sb *informal, American & Australian* to shout encouragement to the players in a football team *69*

bash sth/sb about to treat something or someone in a rough way *18*

bawl out sb or bawl sb out *informal, American &Australian* to tell someone angrily that something they have done is wrong *69*

be booked up if an event, person, or place is booked up, they have no space or time available for someone *33*

be caught up in sth to be involved in a situation, often when you do not want to be *34*

be cut off to be a long way from other places and people *24*

be dying for sth *informal* to want something very much, especially food or drink *19*

be getting at sth *informal* if you ask someone what they are getting at, you are asking them what they mean, usually because they have expressed something indirectly *7*

be hung up *informal* to be very worried about something and spend a lot of time thinking about it *51*

be left over if an amount of money or food is left over, it remains when the rest has been used or eaten *60*

be left over to exist from an earlier time *23*

be littered with sth if something is littered with a particular type of thing, it has or contains a lot of that thing *32*

be mixed up in sth *informal* to be involved in an illegal or unpleasant activity *67*

be partied out *informal* to have had enough of parties because you have been to so many *70*

be playing at sth if you ask what someone is playing at, you ask what they are doing, in a way which shows that you are surprised and angry *40*

be pressed for sth to have very little or not enough of something, especially time or money *22*

be put out to be annoyed, often because of something that someone has done or said to you *11*

be rained off if a sport or other outside activity is rained off, it cannot start or continue because it is raining *61*

be set against sth/doing sth to be opposed to doing or having something *37*

be snowed in if a person or place is snowed in, there is so much snow that it is impossible to travel anywhere or leave that place *61*

be snowed under *informal* to have so much work that you have problems dealing with it *46*

be spread out if people or things are spread out, they are in different parts of a large area and are not close together *24*

be taken up with sth to be very busy doing something *12*

be thrown together if people are thrown together in a situation, that situation causes them to meet each other and to get to know each other *34*

be tied up *informal* to be busy so that you are unable to see or speak to anyone else or go anywhere *46*

be tucked away to be in a quiet or hidden place which not many people see or go to *24*

beat down sb/sth or beat sb/sth down to force someone to reduce the price of something *48*

beat up sb or beat sb up to hurt someone badly by hitting or kicking them again and again *67*
become of sb/sth if you ask what became of someone or something, you want to know where they are and what happened to them *55*
belt into sth *Australian* to begin to do something quickly and with a lot of effort *69*
Belt up! *informal, British & Australian* something that you say angrily to someone in order to tell them to be quiet *41*
bend over backwards to do sth to try extremely hard to do something to help or please someone *30*
big up sb/sth *informal* to talk a lot about how excellent someone or something is, sometimes praising them more than is deserved *70*
bite back to do something bad to someone because they have done something bad to you *20*
bite back sth or back sth back to stop yourself from saying something that shows your real feelings or thoughts *20*
blend in or blend into sth if something or someone blends in, they look or seem the same as the things or people around them and so you do not notice them *32*
bliss (sb) out *informal* to become or make someone become totally happy and relaxed *70*
blocked-up *adj* filled with something so that nothing can pass through [used of a narrow space] *4, 56*
blow down (sth) or blow (sth) down if something blows down, or if the wind blows something down, that thing falls to the ground because the wind blows it *17*
blow over if a storm blows over, it becomes less strong and then ends *61*
blow over if an unpleasant situation [e.g. argument] blows over, it gradually becomes less important and is then forgotten *26*
blow up (sth/sb) or blow (sth/sb) up to destroy something or kill someone with a bomb, or to be destroyed or killed with a bomb *5*
blow up sth or blow sth up to fill something [e.g. balloon, tyre] with air *5, 29*
blow up *informal* to suddenly become very angry *5*
boil over if a liquid that is being heated boils over, it flows over the side of the pan *17, 60*
booked up if an event, person, or place is booked up, they have no space or time available for someone *33*
bottle out *informal, British* to suddenly decide not to do something because you are afraid *36*
bottle up sth or bottle sth up *informal* to not allow yourself to show or talk about your feelings, especially feelings of anger and sadness *51*
bounce back if an e-mail bounces back, it comes back to you because the address is wrong or there is a computer problem *70*
branch out to start to do something different from what you usually do, especially in your job *46*
break away to stop being part of a group because you disagree with them or because you do not want to be controlled by them *68*
break down if a machine or vehicle breaks down, it stops working *1, 2*
break down to be unable to control your feelings and to start to cry *51*
break down to become mentally or physically ill because of an unpleasant experience *56*
break in to get into a building or car by using force, usually in order to steal something *4*
break into sth to get into a building or car by using force, usually in order to steal something *67*
break-in *n* when someone forces their way into a building or car, usually to steal something *4, 67*
break off (sth) or break (sth) off to stop doing something *28*
break off (sth) or break (sth) off if discussions between two groups of people break off, or if someone breaks them off, they end suddenly, before they have been completed *66*
break off to suddenly stop speaking *15*
break off sth or break sth off to end a relationship *53*
break off with sb to end a romantic relationship with someone *53*
break out if something dangerous and unpleasant [e.g. war, disease, fire] breaks out, it suddenly starts *66* **outbreak** *n* when something unpleasant or difficult to control starts, such as war or disease *66*
break out to escape from prison *67*
breakout *n* an escape *66, 67*
break through sth to succeed in dealing with a problem or difficult situation *66*
breakthrough *n* an important discovery or success that helps you achieve or deal with something *4, 66*
break up if a marriage breaks up, or if two people who have a romantic relationship break up, their marriage or relationship ends *53*
break-up *n* the act or event of breaking up *53*
break up if schools or universities, or the people who study or work in them break up, classes end and the holidays start *43*
break up if someone who is talking on a mobile phone is breaking up, their voice cannot be heard *50*
brighten up if the weather brightens up, the sky becomes lighter and the sun starts to shine *61*
brighten up to suddenly look or feel happier *51*

brighten up sth *or* **brighten sth up** to make somewhere more attractive, often by adding colours *24*
bring about sth *or* **bring sth about** to make something happen *25*
bring along sb/sth *or* **bring sb/sth along** to bring someone or something somewhere *59*
bring around/round sb/sth *or* **bring sb/sth around/round** to bring someone or something somewhere, especially to someone's house *59*
bring sb around/round to persuade someone to agree with you or to do what you want them to do *39*
bring back sth *or* **bring sth back** to make someone remember or think about something from the past *1, 25*
bring down sb *or* **bring sb down** to cause people in positions of power [e.g. government, president] to lose their position *66*
bring forward sth *or* **bring sth forward** to change the date or time of an event so that it happens earlier than planned *22*
bring in sth *or* **bring sth in** if a government or organisation brings in something new [e.g. law, rule], they make it exist for the first time *68*
bring off sth *or* **bring sth off** to succeed in doing something difficult *27*
bring round/around sb/sth *or* **bring sb/sth round/around** see **bring around/round**
bring up sb *or* **bring sb up** to look after a child and educate them until they are old enough to look after themselves *55*
bring up sth *or* **bring sth up** to start to talk about a particular subject *1, 31*
brush aside sb/sth *or* **brush sb/sth aside** to refuse to listen to what someone says, or to refuse to think about something seriously *2, 39*
brush up (on) sth to practise and improve your skills or your knowledge of something that you learned in the past but have partly forgotten *43*
bubble over to be very excited and enthusiastic *31*
build on sth to use a success or achievement as a base from which to achieve more success *27*
bump into sb to meet someone you know when you had not planned to meet them *21*
burn off sth *or* **burn sth off** to use or get rid of energy or something which provides energy [e.g. calories, fat], by doing a lot of physical exercise *57*
burnout *n* illness or extreme tiredness because you have been working too hard *70*
burst into sth to suddenly start to make a noise, especially to start crying, laughing or singing *21*
butt in to interrupt a conversation or discussion or someone who is talking *31*
buy into sth *informal* to completely believe in a set of ideas *70*
bygone *adj* from the past *23*
bystander *n* a person who sees something happening but who is not involved *4*
call around *American* to telephone several people, often in order to find out information *69*
call back to go back to a place in order to visit someone or collect something that you were unable to visit or collect earlier *24*
call back (sb) *or* **call (sb) back** to telephone someone for the second time or to telephone someone who rang you earlier *20, 50*
call for sth to need or deserve a particular action or quality *36*
call for sth to say that you think a particular thing should be done, usually in order to change or improve a situation *39*
call for sb to visit a place in order to collect someone *19*
call in *British & American* to visit a place or person for a short time, usually while you are going somewhere else *16*
call off sth *or* **call sth off** to decide that a planned event or activity will not happen, especially because it is no longer possible or useful *1, 2, 33*
call off sth *or* **call sth off** to decide to stop an activity that has already started *5, 28*
call round *British & American* to visit someone who lives near to you for a short time *59*
calm down (sb) *or* **calm (sb) down** to stop feeling upset, angry, or excited, or to make someone stop feeling this way *51*
calm down (sth) *or* **calm (sth) down** if a situation calms down, or if you calm it down, it becomes more peaceful *34*
can't/couldn't get over sth if someone can't get over something, they are very surprised or shocked that something has happened or that something is true *7*
care for sb to look after someone who is too young, too old, or too ill to look after themselves *56*
carried away to become so excited about something that you do not control what you say or do and you forget about everything else *51*
carry on to continue doing something *55*
carry out sth *or* **carry sth out** to do or complete something, especially something important *45*
carry out sth *or* **carry sth out** if you carry out something that you said you would do, or that you have been told to do [e.g. instructions, order, threat], you do it *68*
cashback *n* money from your bank account that you can get from a shop when you buy goods with a debit card *70*
catch on to become popular *27*

catch up to reach someone in front of you by going faster than them *27*
catch up to reach the same quality or standard as someone or something else *42*
catch up on/with sth to do something you did not have time to do earlier *46*
catch up with sb to meet someone you know, after not seeing them for a period of time *19*
caught up in sth to be involved in a situation, often when you do not want to be *34*
changeover *n* a complete change from one system or method to another *4, 26*
charge up sth *or* **charge sth up** if you charge up a piece of electrical equipment, you put electricity into it *50, 64*
chase up sb *or* **chase sb up** to ask someone to do something that they said they would do but that they have not done yet *46*
chase up sth *or* **chase sth up** to try to get something that belongs to you or that you need, or to try to discover more information about something *2*
chat up sb *or* **chat sb up** *informal, British & Australian* to talk to someone in a way that shows them that you are sexually attracted to them and to try to make them attracted to you *52*
chat-up *n informal* a way of talking which suggests you are sexually attracted to someone and want them to be attracted to you *52*
check in to show your ticket at an airport so that you can be told where you are sitting and so that your bags can be put on the aircraft *62*
check-in *n* the place at an airport where you go to say that you have arrived for your flight *4, 62*
check in *or* **check into sth** to arrive at a hotel and say who you are so that you can be given a key for your room *62*
check out to leave a hotel after paying and giving back the key of your room *62*
checkout *n* the place where you pay for things in a big shop *4*
check over sth/sb *or* **check sth/sb over** to examine something or someone to make sure that they are correct, healthy or working properly *17*
check up on sb to discover what someone is doing in order to be certain that they are doing what they should be doing or what they said they would do *35*
cheer up (sb) *or* **cheer (sb) up** if someone cheers up, or if someone or something cheers them up, they start to feel happier *51*
chicken out *informal* to decide not to do something you had planned to do because you are too frightened *37*
chill out *informal* to relax completely, or not allow things to upset you *70*
chop down sth *or* **chop sth down** to cut through a tree or a group of trees so that they fall to the ground *17*
chop up sth *or* **chop sth up** to cut something, especially food, into small pieces *13*
clamp down if someone in authority clamps down, they do something in order to stop or limit a particular activity *68*
clampdown *n* a sudden action taken by a government or people in authority to stop or limit a particular activity *68*
clear off *informal* to leave a place quickly *15*
clear out sth *or* **clear sth out** to make a place tidy by removing things that are unwanted *14*
clear up (sth) *or* **clear (sth) up** to make a place tidy and clean, especially by putting things where they usually belong *5, 13*
clear up if the weather clears up, it improves *61*
clock in/on to record the time you arrive at work, usually on a machine with a clock *22*
clock off/out to record the time you leave work, usually on a machine with a clock *22*
clog up (sth) *or* **clog (sth) up** if something [e.g. road, pipe] clogs up, or if something clogs it up, it becomes blocked and nothing in it is able to move *13*
close down (sth) *or* **close (sth) down** if a business or organisation closes down, or if someone or something closes it down, it stops doing business *17*
cloud over if the sky clouds over, it becomes covered with clouds *61*
club together if a group of people club together, they share the cost of something between them *48*
come about when you say how or why something comes about, especially something which is not planned, you explain how or why it happens *6*
come across sth/sb to discover something by chance, or to meet someone by chance *1, 6*
come along to arrive at a place *6*
come apart if something comes apart, it separates into pieces *6*
come around/round to visit someone at their house *2, 59*
come around/round to become conscious again *2, 6*
come back to sth to start talking about a particular subject again *31*
come down to sth if a situation or decision comes down to something, that is the thing that will influence it most *6*
come down with sth to become ill, usually with a disease that is not very serious *56*
come off to happen successfully or as planned *6, 27*

Come off it! *informal* something that you say in order to tell someone that you do not believe them or that you disagree with them *41*
Come on! something that you say to someone in order to encourage them to do something you want them to do, especially to hurry up, to try harder, or to tell you something *41*
come out if dirt or colour comes out of something, especially clothing or cloth, it disappears or becomes less strong after being in water *6*
come out if someone who has been in prison or hospital comes out, they leave *6*
come out if something that is published [e.g. book, newspaper], a musical recording [e.g. single, album], or a film comes out, it becomes available for people to buy or see it *14*
come out if the truth about something comes out, it becomes known publicly after it has been kept secret *6*
come out if results or information come out, they are given to people *6*
come over to visit someone at their house *59*
come round/around see **come around/round**
come to sth to be a particular total when amounts or numbers are added together *47*
come to sth if you come to a decision or a conclusion, you make a decision about something, or you decide what you think about something *6*
come under sth if a piece of information comes under a particular part of a list, book, or collection of things, you can find it in that part *35*
come up if a subject [e.g. issue, name] comes up in a conversation, it is discussed or mentioned *6*
come up if a job or opportunity comes up, it becomes available *6*
come up if a problem or difficult situation comes up, it happens when you do not expect it *6*
come up if a question or a subject comes up in an exam, that question is asked or questions about that subject are asked in the exam *43*
come up against sth/sb to have to deal with a difficult situation or someone who disagrees with you or tries to stop you doing what you want to do *1, 6*
come up with sth to think of or to suggest a plan or idea, a solution to a problem, or an answer to a question *36*
cool down (sb/sth) *or* cool (sb/sth) down to become cooler, or to make someone or something become cooler *57, 61*
cool down/off (sb/sth) *or* cool (sb/sth) down/off to become calmer, or to make someone or something become calmer *51, 61*
could do with sth/sb to need or want something or someone *19*
I could do without sth *informal* something you say when something is annoying you or causing problems for you, because your situation at that time makes it difficult for you to deal with it *37*
couldn't ask for sb/sth if you say that you couldn't ask for someone or something better, you mean that that person or thing is the best of their kind *19*
count on/upon sb to have confidence in someone because you know that they will do what you want *16*
cover-up *n* an attempt to stop people discovering the truth about something bad *4*
crack down if someone in authority [e.g. police, government] cracks down, they start treating people much more strictly in order to try to stop them from doing things they should not do *17, 66*
crackdown *n* when bad or illegal behaviour is dealt with in a very severe way, in order to stop it happening *66*
cram in/into if a lot of people or animals cram in or cram into a place, they all go into it even though it is too small for all of them and becomes very full *33*
crop up if a problem crops up, it suddenly happens, often when it is not expected *34*
crop up if something, especially a word, crops up, it appears, often in something that you read, hear, or see *44*
cross out sth *or* cross sth out to draw a line through something that you have written, usually because it is wrong *42*
cut back (sth) *or* cut (sth) back to reduce the amount of money that is being spent on something *47*
cutback *n* a reduction in the amount of money that is being spent on something *4*
cut down sth *or* cut sth down if you cut down a tree or a bush, you make it fall to the ground by cutting it near the bottom *17*
cut down to eat or drink less of a particular thing, usually in order to improve your health *17*
cut down sth *or* cut sth down to reduce the amount or number of something *28*
cut off sb *or* cut sb off to stop people from continuing a telephone conversation by breaking the telephone connection *50*
cut off sb/sth *or* cut sb/sth off to prevent people from reaching a place or leaving a place *2*
cut off to be a long way from other places and people *24*
cut out sth *or* cut sth out to remove something by cutting, especially something made of paper or cloth *2, 14*
cut out sth *or* cut sth out to remove part of a piece of writing *44*

cut out if an engine, machine, or piece of equipment cuts out, it suddenly stops working *2, 64*
date back to have existed since a particular time *23*
dawn on/upon sb if a fact dawns on you, you realise or understand something after a period of time when you did not realise or understand it *36*
deal with sth to take action in order to achieve something, or in order to solve a problem *31, 36*
deal with sth if something [e.g. book, film, article] deals with a particular subject or idea, it is about that subject or idea *19*
depend on/upon sth/sb to trust someone or something and know that they will help you or do what you expect them to do *16*
dial out to use a telephone in order to call someone in another building *50*
die for sth *informal* see **be dying for sth** *19*
dip into sth to read small parts of a book or magazine *44*
divide up (sth) or divide (sth) up to separate something into smaller parts or groups, or to form smaller parts or groups *13*
do away with sth to get rid of something, or to stop using something *1, 68*
do up sth or do sth up to fasten something *32*
do with → could do with sth/sb to need or want something or someone *19*
do without (sth/sb) to manage without something or someone *37* see **I could do without sth/sb**
downfall *n* the sudden failure of a person or organisation, or something that causes this *4, 27*
downpour *n* a sudden, heavy fall of rain *61*
doze off *informal* to gradually start to sleep, especially during the day *15*
drag on if an unpleasant or difficult situation or process drags on, it continues for too long *23*
draw on/upon sth to use information or your knowledge or experience of something to help you do something *35*
draw up if a vehicle, or someone in a vehicle, draws up, they arrive somewhere and stop *63*
dress up (sb) or dress (sb) up to put on formal or special clothes for a special occasion, or to put them on someone else *2, 32*
dress-down *adj* used about an occasion when you wear less formal clothes than normal *70*
drift apart if two friends drift apart, they gradually become less friendly and their relationship ends *53*
drink up (sth) or drink (sth) up to completely finish your drink *13*
drop around/round *informal* to make a short visit to someone in their home, usually without arranging it before *59*
drop around/round sth or drop sth around/round *informal* to deliver something, usually something small *59*
drop in to make a short visit to someone in their home, usually without arranging it before *59*
drop off sb/sth or drop sb/sth off to take someone to a place that they want to go to, or to deliver something to a place, usually in a car, often when you are going somewhere else *63*
drop off sth or drop sth off to take someone to a place that they want to go to, or to deliver something to a place, usually in a car, often when you are going somewhere else *1*
drop out if a student drops out, they stop going to classes before they have finished their course *4, 43, 55*
dropout *n* a person who leaves school or college before finishing a course *4*
drop round/around see **drop around/round**
dry up if a supply of something dries up, it ends *28*
dry up to stop speaking when you are acting or making a speech, especially because you suddenly forget what to say next *31*
dying for sth *informal* to want something very much, especially food or drink *19*
eat out to eat a meal in a restaurant, not at home *1, 60*
eat up sth or eat sth up to eat all the food you have been given *13*
e-mail back (sb) or e-mail (sb) back to send a reply to someone by e-mail, usually a reply to an e-mail someone has sent you *20*
end up to finally be in a particular place, state, or situation, especially without having planned it *55*
end up doing sth to finally do something, especially without having planned to *55*
enter into sth to start to become involved in something, especially a discussion *21*
enter into sth if you enter into an agreement, you officially agree to something *68*
face up to sth to accept that a difficult or unpleasant situation exists *36*
fall apart if something falls apart, it breaks or breaks into pieces because it is old or weak *30*
fall behind (sth/sb) to fail to develop at the same rate as something else, or to fail to achieve a standard reached by other people *42*
fall down to fall to the ground *29*
fall down to fail because of not being satisfactory for a particular purpose *4* **downfall** *n* the sudden failure of a person or organisation, or something that causes this *4, 27*
fall for sb/sth *informal* to be attracted to someone or something *52*
fall for sth to be tricked into believing something that is not true *2, 39*

fall out to argue with someone and stop being friendly with them *38, 52*
falling-out *n informal* an argument *52*
fall over if someone falls over, they fall to the ground *3, 17*
fall through if a plan or agreement falls through, it fails to happen *27*
feel for sb to feel sorry for someone because they are very unhappy or in a difficult situation *51*
fight back to defend yourself when someone or something attacks you or causes problems for you *30*
fight off sth *or* **fight sth off** to try hard to get rid of something unpleasant or unwanted, especially an illness or bad emotions *56*
figure out sth *or* **figure sth out** *American* to understand something or someone, or to find the answer to something by thinking carefully *69*
fill in sth *or* **fill sth in** to write the necessary information on an official document [e.g. form, questionnaire] *44*
fill in sb *or* **fill sb in** to tell someone about the things that have happened while they have not been there, or to give someone the information they need in order to do something *45*
fill out sth *or* **fill sth out** to write the necessary information on an official document [e.g. form, questionnaire] *44*
fill up (sth) *or* **fill (sth) up** to become full, or to make something become full *26*
find out (sth) *or* **find (sth) out** to get information about something because you want to know more about it, or to learn a fact or piece of information for the first time *35*
finish off sth *or* **finish sth off** to complete the last part of something that you are doing *28*
finish with sb *informal, British & Australian* to end a romantic relationship with someone *53*
Fire away! *informal* something that you say in order to tell someone that you are ready for them to start asking you questions, or to start speaking *41*
fit in to feel happy in a group of people because you are similar to them *52*
fit in sb/sth *or* **fit sb/sth in** to find time to do something or see someone *22*
fix up sb/sth *or* **fix sb/sth up** to provide or arrange something for someone *45*
fizzle out to gradually end or disappear, especially in a disappointing way *28*
flare up if something [e.g. violence, argument, anger] flares up, it suddenly happens and becomes very serious *66*
flick through sth to look briefly at the pages of something [e.g. book, magazine] *20*
flip through sth to look briefly at the pages of something [e.g. book, magazine] *20*
flood out sb *or* **flood sb out** to force someone to leave their home because of floods *61*
follow up sth *or* **follow sth up** to do something in order to make the effect of an earlier action or thing stronger or more certain *45*
fool around to spend time having fun or behaving in a silly way *18*
fork out sth *or* **fork sth out** *informal* to pay or give money for something, especially when you do not want to *48*
freshen up to quickly wash yourself so that you feel clean *32, 69*
get across sth *or* **get sth across** to successfully communicate an idea to other people *31*
get ahead to be successful in the work that you do *45*
get along if two or more people get along, they like each other and are friendly to each other *52*
get around/round sth to find a way of dealing with or avoiding a problem *7*
get around/round to sth/doing sth to do something that you have intended to do for a long time *7*
get at sth see **be getting at sth** *7*
get away to leave a place or person, often when the situation makes it difficult for you to do this *2, 7*
get away to go somewhere to have a holiday, especially because you need to rest *62*
getaway *adj* used to escape something or someone *62*
get away with sth/doing sth to succeed in not being criticised or punished for something wrong that you have done *7*
get away with sth/doing sth to do something successfully even though it is not the best way of doing it *1, 7*
get sth back *or* **get back sth** if you get something back, something that you had before is given to you again *47*
get back to sb if you get back to someone, you talk to them, usually on the telephone, in order to give them some information that they have asked you for, or because you were not able to speak to them before *50*
get behind if you get behind with work or with payments, you have not done as much work or paid as much money as you should by a particular time *7*
get by to have just enough money to pay for the things that you need, but nothing more *7*
get carried away to become so excited about something that you do not control what you say or do and you forget about everything else *51*
get down to sth/doing sth to start doing something seriously and with a lot of your attention and effort *5*

get in if a train, plane, or other vehicle gets in at a particular time, that is when it arrives *62*
get into sb *informal, Australian* to criticise someone *69*
get mixed up in sth to become involved in an illegal or bad activity *67*
get off (sth) to leave a bus, train, aircraft, or boat *62*
get on (sth) to go onto a bus, train, aircraft, or boat *2, 5, 62*
get on if two or more people get on, they like each other and are friendly to each other *2, 5, 7*
get on to continue doing something, especially work *5, 7*
get on to/onto sth to start talking about a subject after discussing something else *31*
get out to move out of a vehicle *63*
get out of sth/doing sth to avoid doing something that you should do, often by giving an excuse *34*
get over sth to begin to feel better after an experience that has made you unhappy *17, 26*
get over see **can't/couldn't get over sth**
get sth over with to do and complete something difficult or unpleasant that must be done *7*
get round/around see **get around/round**
get through to manage to talk to someone on the telephone *1, 50*
get through to sb to succeed in making someone understand or believe something *31*
get to sb *informal* to make someone feel upset or angry *38*
get together (sb) or get (sb) together if two or more people get together, or if someone gets two or more people together, they meet in order to do something or spend time together *7*
get (sb) up to wake up and get out of bed, or to make someone do this *58*
getting at sth *informal* if you ask someone what they are getting at, you are asking them what they mean, usually because they have expressed something indirectly *7*
give away sth or give sth away to give something to someone without asking for payment *47*
give in to finally agree to what someone wants after a period when you refuse to agree *2, 38*
give in to accept that you have been defeated and agree to stop competing or fighting *57*
give in sth or give sth in to give a piece of written work or a document to someone for them to read, judge, or deal with *2, 42*
give out sth or give sth out to give something to a large number of people *42*
give up (sth) or give (sth) up if you give up a habit [e.g. smoking, drinking] or give up something unhealthy [e.g. cigarettes, alcohol], you stop doing it or having it *26*
give up sth or give sth up to stop doing a regular activity or a job *28*
give up (sth/doing sth) or give (sth) up to stop doing an activity or piece of work before you have completed it, usually because it is too difficult *28*
give up to stop trying to think of the answer to a joke or question *35*
go about sth/doing sth to start to do something or deal with something *8*
go about doing sth if someone goes about doing something for a long time, they spend their time behaving badly or doing something that is unpleasant for other people *8*
go against sth/sb to do the opposite of what someone has asked or advised you to do *2*
go ahead to start to do something *68*
go-ahead *n* permission for something to start *68*
go along with sth/sb to support an idea, or to agree with someone's opinion *8*
go back if schools or students go back, the schools are open and the students start going to lessons again after the holidays *43*
go back sth *informal* if people go back a number of years, they have been friends for that many years or since that time *20*
go back on sth to not do something that you promised or said you would do *54*
go by if time goes by, it passes *23* **bygone** *adj* from the past *23*
go down to become lower in level *2*
go down with sth *informal, British* to become ill, usually with a disease that is not very serious *56*
go for sth to choose something *8*
go for sth to try to get or achieve something *19, 57*
go for sb/sth to like a particular type of thing or person *52*
go forward to win one stage of a competition and compete in another stage *57*
go in for sth to compete in a competition, or to do an exam *8*
go into sth to describe, discuss, or examine something in a detailed way *21*
go off to leave a place and go somewhere else *8*
go off if food or drink goes off, it is not good to eat or drink any more because it is too old *8, 60*
go off if a warning device [e.g. alarm] goes off, it suddenly makes a loud noise *64*
go off if a bomb or gun goes off, it explodes or fires *66*
go on to continue to exist or happen *8*
go on to continue doing something *8*
go on to happen *8*
goings-on *n* strange or amusing events *4*
go on to talk in an annoying way about something for a long time *8*

Go on! *informal* something that you say to encourage someone to do something *8, 41*
go out if a light goes out, it stops giving light *8*
go out *British* to lose when you are playing in a sports competition, so that you must stop playing in the competition *57*
go out with sb to have a romantic relationship with someone *52*
go over sth to talk or think about something in order to explain it or make sure that it is correct *17*
go through sth to experience an unpleasant or difficult situation or event *2, 8*
go through sth to carefully examine the contents of something or a collection of things in order to find something *8*
go through sth to carefully read or discuss every part of something in order to make sure that it is correct or acceptable *17, 20*
go through with sth to do something unpleasant or difficult which you have planned or promised to do *8*
go together if two types of thing or people go together, they are usually found with each other *8*
go together if two pieces of clothing or two types of food go together, they look or taste good when you wear or eat them at the same time *32*
go under if a company or business goes under, it fails financially *49*
go up if an amount, rate, or standard goes up, it rises *26*
go with sth if one thing goes with another, they suit each other or they look or taste good together *19, 60*
go without (sth) to not have something which you usually have *8*
goings-on *n* strange or amusing events *4*
goof off *informal, American* to avoid doing any work *69*
grow apart if people who are good friends grow apart, they gradually become less friendly, often because they do not have the same interests and opinions any more *53*
grow on sb *informal* if something or someone grows on you, you like them more and more, although you did not like them at first *51*
grow up to gradually change from being a child to being an adult *55*
hack into sth to get into someone else's computer system without permission in order to look at information or do something illegal *65*
hand down sth *or* hand sth down to give or teach something to someone who will be alive after you have died *55*
hand in sth *or* hand sth in to give a piece of written work [e.g. essay] to a teacher *42*
hand out sth *or* hand sth out to give something to each person in a group of people *42*
handout *n* a piece of paper that is given to people who go to a talk or class and which has information on it about the subject dealt with in the talk or class *4, 42*
hand over sth *or* hand sth over to give something to someone else *17*
hand over (sth/sb) *or* hand (sth/sb) over to give someone else responsibility for or control of something or someone *45*
hand round sth *or* hand sth round to offer something, especially food or drink, to each person in a group of people *60*
hang about/around/round (swh) *informal* to spend time somewhere, usually without doing very much *18*
hang on *informal* to wait, especially for a short time *22*
Hang on! *informal* something that you say when you are confused or surprised by something and you need to think *41*
hang out *informal* to spend a lot of time in a particular place, or to spend a lot of time with someone *22*
hang up to end a telephone conversation, often suddenly, by putting the part of the telephone that you speak into back into its usual position *50*
hang up sth *or* hang sth up to hang something, especially clothes, on a hook *13*
hang up *informal* see **hung up** *51*
hang-up *n informal* a feeling of embarrassment or fear about something, often when it is not necessary to feel that way *51*
have it out with sb *informal* to talk to someone about something that they have said or done that has made you angry in order to improve the situation *54*
have sb around/round if you have someone around, they come to your house for a social visit *59*
have sb on to persuade someone that something is true when it is not, usually as a joke *39*
have sth on to have an arrangement to do something *37*
have sb over if you have someone over, they come to your house to visit you *59*
head off to start a journey or leave a place *15*
heat up sth *or* heat sth up to make food hot so that it can be eaten *60*
heat up (sth) *or* heat (sth) up to become warm or hot, or to make something warmer or hotter *26*
help out (sb) *or* help (sb) out to help someone, especially by giving them money or by doing work for them *14*

help sb off with sth to help someone remove a piece of outer clothing [e.g. coat] *29*
help sb on with sth to help someone to put on a piece of clothing *29*
hide away to go to a place where other people will not find you *66*
hideaway *n* a place where someone goes to be alone *66*
hire out sth *or* **hire sth out** *British & Australian* to allow someone to use something for a short period of time after they have paid you money *49*
hit back to criticise or attack someone who has criticised or attacked you *40*
hit it off if two or more people hit it off, they like each other and become friendly immediately *52*
hold sth against sb to like or respect someone less because they have done something wrong or behaved badly *38*
hold down sth *or* **hold sth down** to control the level of something [e.g. prices, costs, inflation] and to prevent it from increasing *17*
hold off (sth/doing sth) to delay something or doing something *15*
hold on to wait for a short time *50*
Hold on! something you say to show that you are surprised or confused about something and that you need time to think about it for a short time *41*
hold up sth/sb *or* **hold sth/sb up** to delay something or someone *23*
hold up sth/sb *or* **hold sth/sb up** to steal money from a building [e.g. bank], a person, or a vehicle, by using violence or by threatening to use violence *67*
hold-up *n* a delay *23*
hold-up *n* when someone steals from someone else using violence or the threat of violence *67*
hot up *informal* if an event or situation hots up, it becomes more exciting and there is a lot more activity *34*
hung up *informal* to be very worried about something and spend a lot of time thinking about it *51*
hurry up to do something more quickly *41*
hurry up sb/sth *or* **hurry sb/sth up** to make someone do something more quickly, or to make something happen sooner *23*
I could do without sth something that you say when something is annoying you or causing problems for you, because your situation at that time makes it difficult for you to deal with it *37*
invite along sb *or* **invite sb along** to ask someone if they would like to go with you to an event or activity *3*
invite around/round sb *or* **invite sb around/round** to ask someone to come to your home *3, 59*
invite back sb *or* **invite sb back** to ask someone to come to your home after you have been out somewhere together *3*
invite in sb *or* **invite sb in** to ask someone if they would like to come into your house *3*
invite out sb *or* **invite sb out** to ask someone to go with you to a place, for example a restaurant or the cinema *3, 59*
invite over sb *or* **invite sb over** to ask someone to come to your home *3, 59*
invite up sb *or* **invite sb up** to ask someone if they would like to come upstairs *3*
join in (sth) to become involved in an activity with other people *57*
jot down sth *or* **jot sth down** to write something quickly on a piece of paper so that you remember it *44*
jumble up sth *or* **jumble sth up** to mix things together in an untidy way *13*
jump at sth to eagerly accept a chance to do or have something *51*
jump out at sb if something jumps out at you, you notice it immediately *36*
keep (sb) at sth to continue working hard at something difficult or something which takes a long time, or to make someone continue to work hard *46*
keep away (sb/sth) *or* **keep (sb/sth) away** to not go somewhere or near something, or to prevent someone or something from going somewhere or near something *21*
keep down sth *or* **keep sth down** to stop the number, level, or size of something from increasing *17*
keep on at sb to talk to someone about something many times, usually because you want to complain about something they have done or not done *54*
keep on doing sth to continue to do something, or to do something again and again *2, 16*
keep sth from sb to not tell someone about something *54*
keep to sth to do what you have promised or planned to do *31*
keep up to go at the same speed as someone or something that is moving forward, so that you stay level with them *23*
keep up to increase or to make progress at the same speed as something or someone else so that you stay at the same level as them *27*
keep up sth *or* **keep sth up** to practise a skill that you learned in the past so that you continue to be good at it *43*
keep it up to continue to do something, especially to work hard or to do good work *41*
key in sth *or* **key sth in** to put information into a computer using a keyboard *65*

kick-off *n* the time when a football match begins *57*
knock about/around together *informal* to spend a lot of time with someone, either because they are your friend or because you are having a romantic relationship with them *22*
knock down sb or knock sb down to hit someone with a vehicle and injure or kill them *63*
knockdown *adj* very low (in price) *47*
knock off (sth) *informal* to stop working, usually at the end of a day *45*
knock off sth or knock sth off (sth) to take a particular amount away from something, especially a price *48*
knock out to defeat a person or team in a competition so that they have to stop taking part in it *57*
knockout *n* a competition in which only the winners of each stage play in the next stage, until one person or team is the final winner *57*
knock over sth/sb or knock sth/sb over to hit or push something or someone, especially accidentally, so that they fall to the ground or onto their side *17, 30*
latch on *informal, British & Australian* to understand something *35*
latch on to/onto sb to spend time with someone, especially when they do not want you with them *22*
laugh off sth or laugh sth off to laugh about something unpleasant in order to make it seem less important or serious *15*
launch into sth to start doing or saying something [e.g. speech, story] in a very enthusiastic way *21*
lay into sb to attack or criticise someone in an angry way *40, 69*
lay off sb or lay sb off to stop employing someone because there is no work for them to do *45*
laze about/around to relax and enjoy yourself by doing very little *18*
lead on sb or lead sb on to make someone believe something that is not true *67*
leak out if secret information leaks out, people who should not know this information find out about it *66*
lean on sb *informal* to try to make someone do what you want by threatening or persuading them *67*
leave aside sth or leave sth aside to not discuss or consider a particular subject so that you can discuss a different subject *31*
leave behind sth/sb or leave sth/sb behind to leave a place without taking something or someone with you, either because you have forgotten them or because you cannot take them with you *24*
leave out sb/sth or leave sb/sth out to not include someone or something *2, 14*
leave sb to sth *informal* to go away from someone so that they do something by themselves or so they can continue what they are doing *45*
left over if an amount of money or food is left over, it remains when the rest has been used or eaten *4, 60*
left over to exist from an earlier time *23*
leftover *adj* existing from an earlier time *23*
leftovers *n* food that was prepared for a meal but not eaten *4, 60*
let down sb or let sb down to disappoint someone by failing to do what you agreed to do or what you were expected to do *53*
let off sb or let sb off to not punish someone who has committed a crime or done something wrong, or to not punish someone severely *67*
let on to tell someone about something which was supposed to be a secret *54*
let out sb/sth or let sb/sth out to allow a person or animal to leave somewhere, especially by opening a locked or closed door *14*
let-out *n* an excuse or way of avoiding doing something you agreed to do *36*
let up *informal* if bad weather or an unpleasant situation lets up, it stops or improves *5, 61*
lie about/around *informal* to spend time lying down and doing very little *18*
lie ahead if an event or situation that will cause problems lies ahead, it will happen in the future *23*
lie behind sth to be the real reason for something *25*
lie in *British & Australian* to stay in bed in the morning later than you usually do *58*
lie-in *n British & Australian* when you stay in bed in the morning longer than usual *58*
lie in sth to exist or be found in something *36*
lift off if a spacecraft or aircraft lifts off, it leaves the ground *15*
lift-off *n* the moment when a spacecraft leaves the ground *15*
lighten up to become more relaxed and less serious *70*
Lighten up! *informal* something you say to tell someone to stop being so serious or annoyed *41*
listen in to secretly listen to a conversation, especially a telephone conversation *50*
Listen up! *informal, American* something you say to tell people to listen to what you are going to say *69*
littered with sth if something is littered with a particular type of thing, it has or contains a lot of that thing *32*

live down sth *or* live sth down to stop feeling embarrassed about something you have done by waiting until people forget about it *53*
live for sth/sb to believe that something or someone is the most important thing or person in your life *19*
live off sth/sb to have enough money for the things you need by taking it from a supply of money or from another person *58*
live off sth to only eat a particular type of food *60*
live on sth to have a particular amount of money in order to buy the things you need *58*
live on sth to only eat a particular type of food *60*
live through sth to experience a difficult situation or event *20*
live up to sth if someone or something lives up to people's expectations or a particular standard, they are as good as they were expected to be *55*
liven up (sth) *or* liven (sth) up to become more interesting and exciting, or to make something become like this *13*
load down sb *or* load sb down to give someone too many things to carry *17*
load up (sth) *or* load (sth) up to put a lot of things into a vehicle or machine *64*
lock yourself away to go to a room or building where you can be alone, usually so that you can work *21*
lock in sb *or* lock sb in to prevent someone from leaving a room or building by locking the door *16*
lock out sb *or* lock sb out to prevent someone from entering a building by locking the door *14*
lock yourself out to accidentally prevent yourself from getting into a building or vehicle by leaving the keys inside when you shut the door *14*
log in to connect a computer to a system of computers by typing your name, usually so that you can start working *65*
log off (sth) to stop a computer being connected to a computer system, usually when you want to stop working *65*
log on to connect a computer to a system of computers by typing your name, usually so that you can start working *65*
log out to stop a computer being connected to a computer system, usually when you want to stop working *65*
look after sb/sth to take care of someone or something by doing what is needed to keep them well or in good condition *1, 9*
look ahead to think about what will happen in the future and plan for these events *9*
look around/round (swh) to walk through a building or around a place and look at the things in it *18*
look around/round to try to find something you want [e.g. job] by asking different people or by looking in different places *9*
look at sth to consider a subject carefully in order to make a decision about it *9*
look at sth to read something quickly and not very carefully *9*
look back to think about or remember something that happened in the past *2*
look down on sb/sth to think that someone is less important than you, or to think that something is not good enough quality for you to use *1, 9*
look for sth/sb to try to find something or someone, either because you have lost them or because you need them *3*
look forward to sth/doing sth to feel pleased and excited about something that is going to happen *1, 9*
look into sth to discover and examine the facts about a problem or situation *9, 21*
look on to watch an activity or event without becoming involved in it *4, 9* **onlooker** *n* a person who watches an activity or event without becoming involved in it *4, 9*
look out for sb/sth to carefully watch the people or things around you so that you will notice a particular person or thing *9, 66*
lookout *n* a person who is watching for danger *9, 66*
Look out! something you say or shout in order to tell someone that they are in danger *41*
look over sth/sb *or* look sth/sb over to quickly examine something or someone *3, 9, 17*
look round/around see **look around/round**
look through sth to read something quickly and not very carefully *9, 17, 20*
look up if a situation is looking up, it is improving *1, 9, 26*
look up sb *or* look sb up to visit someone who you have not seen for a long time when you are visiting the place where they live *1, 9*
look up sth *or* look sth up to look at a book or computer in order to find a piece of information *1, 9*
look up to sb to respect and admire someone *9*
lose out to not have an advantage that other people have *14*
make for swh to go in the direction of a place *10*
make out sth/sb *or* make sth/sb out to be able to see or hear something or someone, usually with difficulty *2, 10*
make out sth *or* make sth out to understand something, especially the reason why something has happened *10*
make out sth *or* make sth out to write all the necessary information on an official document [e.g. cheque, application, ticket] *44*

make out sb or make sb out to understand why someone behaves in the way that they do *1, 10*
make up sth or make sth up to say or write something that is not true [e.g. excuse, report, story] in order to deceive someone *10*
make up sth or make sth up to invent something [e.g. story, game] *10*
make up sth to form the whole of something *10*
make-up *n* the combination of things which form something *10*
make up to forgive someone who you have argued with and to become friendly with them again *53*
make up for sth to replace something that has been lost, or to provide something good in order to make a bad situation better *10*
make it up to sb to do something good for someone who you have done something bad to in the past, or to someone who has done something good for you *10*
match up if two pieces of information match up, they are the same and this shows that the information is likely to be correct *35*
measure out sth or measure sth out to take a small amount of something from a larger amount, first weighing or measuring it in order to make sure that it is the right amount *64*
measure up to be good enough *40*
meet with sb *American* to have a meeting with someone in order to discuss or arrange something *69*
mess about/around to spend time playing or doing things with no particular purpose *18*
mess about/around to behave stupidly or to waste time doing unimportant things *18, 69*
mess sb about/around *informal* to treat someone badly, especially by changing your mind a lot or not doing what you have promised *1, 18*
mess up (sth) or mess (sth) up to spoil or damage something, or to do something badly *42*
mill about/around (swh) to walk around a particular place or area, usually while waiting for something *18*
Mind out! *British & American* something that you say in order to tell someone to be careful or to warn someone of a danger *41*
miss out to not do or get something that you would enjoy or that would be good for you, or to not have something that other people have *53*
miss out sb/sth or miss sb/sth out *British & American* to fail to include someone or something *42*
mix up sth/sb or mix sth/sb up to confuse two people or things by thinking that one person or thing is the other person or thing *34*
mix-up *n* a mistake caused by confusion which prevents something from being done or causes something to be done incorrectly *4, 34*
mixed up in sth *informal* to be involved in an illegal or unpleasant activity *67*
mouth off *informal* to talk about a subject as if you know more than everyone else, or to complain a lot about something *54*
move (sth) along if a process moves along, or if you move a process along, it develops in a satisfactory way *46*
move in to begin living in a new house or area *58*
move in together to start living in the same house as someone you are having a romantic relationship with *58*
move out to stop living in a particular house *58*
move over to change the place where you are sitting or standing so that there is space for someone else to sit or stand *3, 17, 29*
move up *British & Australian* to move slightly so that there is enough space for someone else *29*
muck about/around *informal* to waste time doing silly things *22*
muddle through to succeed in doing something even though you have difficulties because you do not really know how to do it *27*
muddle up sb/sth or muddle sb/sth up to confuse two people or things in your mind *34*
mug up (sth) or mug (sth) up *informal, British* to quickly try to learn the main facts about a subject, especially before an exam *43*
name sb/sth after sb/sth to give someone or something the same name as someone or something else *55*
narrow down sth or narrow sth down to make something [e.g. list, choice, option] smaller and clearer by removing the things that are less important *36*
note down sth or note sth down to write words or numbers, often so that you do not forget them *17, 44*
off-putting *adj* unattractive or unpleasant *15*
onlooker *n* a person who watches an activity or event without becoming involved in it *9*
open onto sth if a room, window, or door opens onto a place, it opens in the direction of that place or has a view of it *24*
open up (sth) or open (sth) up to start a new shop or business *13*
open up to start to talk more about yourself and your feelings *54*
opt out to choose not to be part of an activity or arrangement, or to stop being involved with it *37*
order sb about/around to tell someone what they should do all the time *18, 31*
outbreak *n* when something unpleasant or difficult to control starts, such as war or disease *66*
outcry *n* a public expression of anger or disapproval *4, 38*

outlet *n* a shop that is one of many owned by a particular company and that sells the company's goods *49*
outpouring *n* a strong expression of emotion *54*
outset *n* the beginning of something *4, 28*
outstanding *adj* extremely good, or of a very high standard *40*
oversleep to sleep longer than you had intended *58*
own up to admit that you have done something wrong, especially something that is not important *54*
pack away sth *or* **pack sth away** to put something into a bag or container, or to put something in the place where it is usually kept *21*
packed out *adj* very full of people *33*
pack up (sth) *or* **pack (sth) up** to collect your things together and put them into bags or boxes, especially when you have finished doing something *28*
pair off if two people pair off, they start a romantic relationship *52*
pan out to develop or happen in a particular way *26*
partied out *informal* to have had enough of parties because you have been to so many *70*
pass away to die *56*
pass by if time or a period of time [e.g. week] passes by, it goes past *23*
pass for sb/sth if someone or something passes for someone or something else, they appear like that person or thing *55*
pass off *British & American* if an event passes off in a good way, it happens in that way *33*
pass on sth *or* **pass sth on** to give something to someone else *16*
pass on sth *or* **pass sth on** to tell someone something that someone else has told you *31*
pass on to die *56*
pass round sth *or* **pass sth round** to offer something to each person in a group of people *60*
pass out to become unconscious *56*
pay back sb/sth *or* **pay sb/sth back** to pay someone the money that you owe them *47*
pay back sb *or* **pay sb back** to do something unpleasant to someone because they have done something unpleasant to you *25*
pay off sth *or* **pay sth off** if you pay off a debt [e.g. loan, mortgage, overdraft], you pay back all the money you owe *47*
pay off if something that you have done to try to achieve something pays off, it is successful *27*
pay up *informal* to give someone the money that you owe them, especially when you do not want to *47*
pencil in sth/sb *or* **pencil sth/sb in** to arrange for something to happen or for someone to do something on a particular date, knowing that the arrangement might be changed later *45*
phase in sth *or* **phase sth in** to make a new system, process, or law gradually begin to happen or exist *26*
phase out sth *or* **phase sth out** to gradually stop using or supplying something *26*
phone around/round (sb) to telephone several people, often in order to find out information *50, 69*
phone (sb) back to telephone someone for the second time or to telephone someone who rang you earlier *20*
phone up (sb) *or* **phone (sb) up** to telephone someone *50*
pick on sb to choose one person from a group of people to criticise or treat unfairly, especially when they are smaller or weaker than you *40*
pick up sth/sb *or* **pick sth/sb up** to lift something or someone by using your hands *29*
pick up sth/sb *or* **pick sth/sb up** to collect someone who is waiting for you, or to collect something that you have left somewhere or that you have bought *2, 63*
pick-up *n* when a car, taxi, etc. collects you *48*
pickup *n* small truck with an open back *48*
pick up sth *or* **pick sth up** to collect something you have left somewhere *65*
pick up sth *or* **pick sth up** to get or buy something when you have gone to a place to do something else *47*
pick up sth *or* **pick sth up** to buy something cheaply *48*
pick up sth *or* **pick sth up** to learn a new skill or language by practising it rather than being taught it *43*
pick up if something [e.g. business, economy, trade] picks up, it improves or increases after a bad period *26*
pick-up *n* an increase or improvement *48*
pick up if the wind picks up, it becomes stronger *61*
pick-up *n informal* when you start talking to someone you do not know because you want to have a sexual relationship with them *48*
pile up (sth) *or* **pile (sth) up** if something unpleasant [e.g. work, bills, losses] piles up, or if you pile it up, you get more and more of it *46*
pile-up *n* an accident involving several cars *4, 63*
pin down sb *or* **pin sb down** to make someone give you exact details or a decision about something *54*
plan ahead to make decisions or plans about something you will do or something that might happen in the future *37*

play back sth *or* play sth back to listen to sounds or watch pictures that you have just recorded *64*
play down sth *or* play sth down to try to make people believe that something is not very important, or that it is unlikely to happen *54*
playing at sth if you ask what someone is playing at, you ask what they are doing, in a way which shows that you are surprised and angry *40*
play-off *n* a game between two teams that have equal points in order to decide which is the winner *57*
play up *British & American* if someone, especially a child, plays up, they behave badly *42*
play up *British & Australian* if a machine or part of a machine plays up, it does not work as it should *1*
plug in sth *or* plug sth in *or* plug sth into sth to connect a piece of electrical equipment to a supply of electricity or to another piece of electrical equipment *64*
point out sb/sth *or* point sb/sth out to make a person notice someone or something, usually by telling them where they are or by holding up one of your fingers towards them *35*
point out sth *or* point sth out to tell someone a fact that they did not already know, especially one that is important in the present discussion or situation *35*
polish off sth *or* polish sth off *informal* to finish something quickly and easily, especially a large amount of food or a piece of work *28*
polish up sth *or* polish sth up to practise and improve your skills or your knowledge of something that you learned in the past but have partly forgotten *43*
pop in/into *informal* to go into a place, especially a friend's house, just for a short time *59*
pop out *informal* to leave the place where you are and go somewhere for a short time *29*
pour down to rain heavily *61* **downpour** *n* a sudden, heavy fall of rain *61*
pour in to arrive or enter somewhere in very large numbers *33*
pour sth into sth to provide a lot of money for something over a long period *49*
pour out sth *or* pour sth out to fill a glass, cup etc. with a drink *60*
pour out to leave a place in large numbers *33*
pour out sth *or* pour sth out if you pour out your feelings or thoughts, you talk very honestly about what is making you sad *54* **outpouring** *n* a strong expression of emotion *54*
press (sb) for sth to try to persuade someone, usually someone in authority, to give you something or to allow something to happen *39*
pressed for sth to have very little or not enough of something, especially time or money *22*
press on to continue doing something in a determined way *22*
print out (sth) *or* print (sth) out to produce a printed copy of a document that has been written on a computer *65*
printout *n* information or a document that is printed from a computer *65*
pull ahead to suddenly get in front of another car or person that was previously driving or running at the same speed as you *57*
pull down sth *or* pull sth down to destroy a building or other structure because it is not being used or it is not wanted any more *30*
pull in if a train pulls in or pulls into a station, it arrives there *62*
pull in *or* pull into swh if a car pulls in or pulls into a place, it moves to the side of the road or to another place where it can stop *63*
pull off sth *or* pull sth off to succeed in doing or achieving something difficult *27*
pull out if a train pulls out, it starts to leave a station *62*
pull out to drive onto a road, either from another road or from the side of the road where you have stopped *63*
pull out (sth/sb) *or* pull (sb/sth) out to stop being involved in an activity or agreement *66*
pull over to drive a car to the side of the road in order to stop *3, 63*
pull (sb) through to recover from a serious illness, or to help someone to do this *56*
pull together to work as a group in order to achieve something *45*
pull yourself together to become calm after being so angry or upset that you were unable to behave in a sensible way *51*
pull up if a car pulls up, it stops, often for a short time *63*
pump up sth *or* pump sth up to fill something with air by using a pump *64*
push in *informal, British & American* to rudely join a line of people who are waiting for something by moving in front of some of the people who are already there *16*
put across sth *or* put sth across to explain or express something clearly so that people understand it easily *11, 39*
put sth at sth to roughly calculate that something will cost a particular amount or that something is a particular size or amount *49*
put back sth *or* put sth back to change the date or time of an event so that it happens later than planned *11, 33*
put back sth *or* put sth back if you put a watch or clock back, you make it show an earlier time *11*

put down (sth) *or* put (sth) down to land in an aircraft, or to make an aircraft land *11*
put down sth *or* put sth down if you put the phone down, you put the part of the telephone that you speak into back into its usual position after your conversation has ended *50*
put down sb *or* put sb down to make someone feel stupid or unimportant by criticising them *38*
put-down *n* an unkind remark that makes someone seem foolish *4*
put forward sth *or* put sth forward to state an idea or opinion, or to suggest a plan, so that it can be considered or discussed *39*
put forward to change the date or time of an event so that it happens earlier than planned *33*
put forward sth *or* put sth forward if you put forward a clock or watch, you make it show a later time *11*
put in sth *or* put sth in to fix new equipment or a new system in the correct place in a room or building *11*
put off sth/doing sth *or* put sth off to decide or arrange to do something at a later time *1, 2, 11, 33*
put off sb *or* put sb off to tell someone that you cannot see them or do something for them until a later time *11*
put off sb *or* put sb off (sb/sth/doing sth) to make someone not like someone or something, or not want to do something *15* **off-putting** *adj* unattractive or unpleasant *15*
put on sth *or* put sth on to put a piece of clothing onto your body *11, 32*
put on sth *or* put sth on to make a device [e.g. light, fire] work by pressing a switch *11*
put on sth *or* put sth on to pretend to have a particular feeling, or to behave in a way which is not real or natural for you *16*
put-on *adj* pretend or not genuine *16*
put on sth *or* put sth on to organise a play, show, or competition *33*
put on sth *or* put sth on to begin to cook food *60*
put on sth *or* put sth on to put something that sounds or pictures are recorded onto [e.g. CD, video] into a machine which makes you able to hear or see the recording *11*
put on sb *or* put sb on (sth) to give someone the telephone so that they can speak to the person who is on it *50*
put sb on to/onto sth to tell someone about something or someone that could help them, often something or someone they did not know about before *11*
put out sth *or* put sth out to make a light stop shining by pressing a switch *11*
put out sth *or* put sth out to make something that is burning [e.g. fire, cigarette] stop burning *11, 30*
put out sth *or* put sth out to produce information [e.g. statement, warning, press release] and make it available for everyone to read or hear *2*
put out sth *or* put sth out to injure a part of your body [e.g. back, shoulder] by making a bone move from its usual place *56*
put out to be annoyed, often because of something that someone has done or said to you *11*
put over sth *or* put sth over to express an idea clearly so that people understand it *17, 39*
put through sb *or* put sb through to connect a telephone caller to the person they want to speak to *50*
put sth to sb to suggest an idea or plan to someone so that they can consider it or discuss it *39*
put up sth *or* put sth up to build a structure [e.g. wall, building, statue] *11*
put up sth *or* put sth up to stick or fasten a piece of paper [e.g. notice, poster] to a wall so that it can be seen *11*
put up sth *or* put sth up to open something that is folded or rolled up [e.g. tent, umbrella] so that it is ready to be used *11*
put up sb *or* put sb up to let someone stay in your home for a short period *58*
put sb up to sth to encourage someone to do something stupid or wrong *67*
put up with sth/sb to accept unpleasant behaviour or an unpleasant situation, even though you do not like it *1, 11, 19*
rained off if a sport or other outside activity is rained off, it cannot start or continue because it is raining *61*
reach down sth *or* reach sth down to get something that is above your head by reaching with your hand *29*
reach out (sth) *or* reach (sth) out to stretch your arm in front of your body, usually in order to get or touch something *29*
read sth into sth to believe that an action, remark, or situation has a particular importance or meaning, often when this is not true *21*
read out sth *or* read sth out to read something and say the words aloud so that other people can hear *44*
read over/through sth *or* read sth over/through to read something from the beginning to the end in order to find any mistakes or to understand it better *3, 17*
read through to read something from the beginning to the end in order to find any mistakes or to understand it better *17*
read up on sth to read a lot about a particular subject in order to learn about it *44*
rely on/upon sb/sth to trust someone or something to do what you need them to do *16*

revolve around/round sth/sb if an activity or conversation revolves around something or someone, that thing or person is the main reason for the activity, or the main subject of the conversation *34*

ring (sb) back to telephone someone for the second time, or to telephone someone who rang you earlier *1, 20, 50*

ring in *British & Australian* to telephone someone at your place of work, usually to explain why you are not there *50*

ring off *British & Australian* to end a telephone call by putting down the part of the telephone that you speak into *50*

rip off sb *or* **rip sb off** *informal* to cheat someone by making them pay too much money for something *4, 48*

rip-off *n informal* something that costs far too much money *4, 48*

rise above sth to not allow something bad that is happening or being done to you to upset you or to affect your behaviour *34*

root for sb *informal* to show support for someone in a competition, or to hope that someone will succeed in doing something difficult *19*

root out sth/sb *or* **root sth/sb out** to find and get rid of the thing or person that is causing a problem *30*

rope in sb *or* **rope sb in** *informal* to persuade someone to help you with something, especially when they do not want to *39*

rub in sth *or* **rub sth in** to put a substance [e.g. ointment] onto the surface of something and to rub it so that it goes into the surface *16*

rub sth in *informal* to talk to someone about something which you know they want to forget because they feel bad about it *40*

rub out sth *or* **rub sth out** to remove writing from something by rubbing it with a piece of rubber or with a cloth *42*

rule out sb/sth *or* **rule sb/sth out** to decide that something or someone is not suitable for a particular purpose, or to decide that something is impossible *25, 36*

run across sb to meet someone you know when you are not expecting to meet them *59*

run away to secretly leave a place because you are unhappy there *21*

run sth by sb *informal* to repeat something, or to tell someone about something, so that they can give their opinion of it or hear it again *37*

run down sb/sth *or* **run sb/sth down** *informal* to criticise someone or something, often unfairly *40*

rundown *adj* in poor condition or shabby *32*

run into sth to accidentally hit something while you are driving a vehicle *63*

run into sb to meet someone that you know when you did not expect to meet them *21*

run into sth if the amount or cost of something runs into thousands, millions etc., it reaches that level *49*

run off sth *or* **run sth off** to print several copies of something *64*

run off sth *or* **run sth off** to quickly and easily write something that is usually difficult to write [e.g. poem, speech] *15*

run off with sb to secretly leave a place with someone in order to live with them or marry them, especially when other people think this is wrong *53*

run on to continue for longer than expected *23*

run out to use all of something so that there is none left *14*

run out if a document or official agreement runs out, the period of time it lasts for comes to an end *22*

run over sb/sth *or* **run sb/sth over** to hit someone or something with a vehicle and drive over them, injuring or killing them *63*

run through sth to repeat something in order to practise it or to make sure that it is correct *31*

run-through *n* a practice or rehearsal *4, 31*

run to sth to reach a particular amount, usually a large amount *49*

run up against sth if you run up against problems or difficulties, you begin to experience them *34*

run up sth *or* **run sth up** if you run up a debt [e.g. bill, deficit], you do things which cause you to owe a large amount of money *47, 48*

save up (sth) *or* **save (sth) up** to keep money so that you can buy something with it in the future *47*

scare away sb/sth *or* **scare sb/sth away** to make a person or animal so frightened that they go away *21*

scrape through (sth) to manage with a lot of difficulty to succeed in something [e.g. exam] *43*

screw up sth *or* **screw sth up** to twist and crush paper or material with your hands *30*

screw up (sth) *or* **screw (sth) up** *informal* to make a mistake, or to damage or spoil something *40*

screwed-up *adj informal* unhappy and anxious because of bad experiences *40*

scribble down sth *or* **scribble sth down** to write something very quickly on a piece of paper *44*

scroll across/down/up (sth) to move text or other information across/down/up a computer screen in order to view a different part of it *65*

see about sth to deal with something, or to arrange for something to be done *36*

see sb about/around to see someone in the places you usually see them *18*
see off sb *or* see sb off to go to the place that someone is leaving from in order to say goodbye *15*
see out sb *or* see sb out to go with someone to the door of a room or building when they are leaving *14*
see through sb/sth if you see through someone who is trying to deceive you, or if you see through someone's behaviour, you realise what they are really like and what they are trying to do *20*
see sb through (sth) to help or support someone during a difficult period in their life *30*
see to sth/sb to deal with something that needs doing or to help someone who needs your help *2, 30*
sell off sth *or* sell sth off to sell something at a low price because you do not want it or because you need some money *48*
sell off sth *or* sell sth off to sell all or part of a business *15*
sell-off *n* a sale of all or part of a business *48*
sell out if a shop sells out, it has no more of a particular product available to buy *48*
sell-out *n* when all the tickets for an event have been sold *48*
sell up (sth) *or* sell (sth) up to sell your house or business in order to go somewhere else or do something else *49*
send away for sth to write to an organisation to ask them to send you something *21*
send back sth *or* send sth back to return something to the company you bought it from because it is unsuitable or damaged *20*
send for sb to send someone a message asking them to come to see you *19*
send off sth *or* send sth off to send a letter, document, or parcel by post *1, 15*
send off sb *or* send sb off *British & Australian* to order a sports player to leave the playing area during a game because they have done something wrong *57*
send up sb/sth *or* send sb/sth up *informal* to make someone or something seem stupid by copying them in a funny way *33*
set about sth/doing sth to start doing something, especially something that uses a lot of time or energy *28*
set against sth/doing sth to be opposed to doing or having something *37*
set apart sb/sth *or* set sb/sth apart if a quality sets someone or something apart, it makes them different from and usually better than others of the same type *32*
set aside sth *or* set sth aside to use something, especially time or money, for one purpose and no other purpose *47*
setback *n* a problem that makes something happen later or more slowly than it should *30*
set off to start a journey *62*
set off sth *or* set sth off to cause a loud noise or explosion [e.g. bomb, firework, alarm] to begin or happen *25*
set off sth *or* set sth off to cause a series of events or a lot of activity, often without intending to do this *25*
set out to start a journey *28, 62*
set out to start an activity, especially when you have already decided what you want to achieve *4* **outset** *n* the beginning of something *4, 28*
set out sth *or* set sth out to give all the details of something, or to explain something clearly, especially in writing *44*
set sb off (doing sth) to make someone start to laugh, cry, or talk about something that they often talk about *25*
set up sth *or* set sth up to start a company or organisation *13, 49*
set-up *n* the way in which things are organised or arranged *13, 49*
settle down to start living in a place where you intend to stay for a long time, usually with the same partner, especially after a period in which you have travelled a lot or changed partners *53*
settle for sth to accept something, often something that is not exactly what you want, or is not the best *53*
settle up to pay someone the money that you owe them *47*
sex up sth *or* sex sth up to make something more exciting than it really is *70*
shake off sth *or* shake sth off to get rid of an illness or something that is causing you problems *56*
shoot through *informal, Australian* to leave a place suddenly and often secretly, especially to avoid something *69*
shoot up if the number, amount, or rate of something shoots up, it increases very quickly *66*
shop around to compare the price and quality of the same item or service from different shops or companies before deciding which one to buy *48*
show sb around/round (swh) to go with someone to a place that they have not visited before and show them the interesting parts *18*
show off to try to make people admire your abilities or achievements in a way which other people find annoying *40*
show-off *n* someone who tries to make people admire them in a way other people find annoying *4, 40*
show out sb *or* show sb out to lead a visitor who is leaving to the door of a room or building *14*

show up to arrive, especially at a place where people are expecting you *13*
shut down (sth) *or* shut (sth) down if a factory or business shuts down, or if someone shuts it down, it closes and stops working *17*
shut down (sth) *or* shut (sth) down if a factory or business shuts down, or if someone shuts it down, it closes and stops working *17*
shut (sb) up to stop talking or making a noise, or to make someone do this *54*
sign up to arrange to take part in an activity *43*
sink in if a fact or idea, especially a surprising or unpleasant one, sinks in, you gradually start to believe it or realise what effect it will have on you *16*
sit about/around (swh) to spend time sitting down and doing very little *18*
skimp on sth to not spend enough time or money on something, or not use enough of something *48*
slave away to work very hard with little or no rest *46*
sleep in to sleep longer in the morning than you normally do *58*
sleep on sth if someone sleeps on a decision or problem, they wait until the next day before they decide what to do about it *37*
sleep over *informal* to sleep in someone else's home for a night *58*
sleepover *n* a party at which several young people sleep at a friend's house for a night *58*
sleep through sth if someone sleeps through a noise or an activity, the noise or activity does not wake them *20*
slip off to leave a place quietly so that other people do not notice you going *15*
slip out if a piece of information slips out while you are talking to someone, you tell it to them without intending to *35*
slip out to leave a place quietly so that other people do not notice you going *35*
slip up *informal* to make a mistake *5*
slow down to become less physically active than you were before *56*
slow down (sb/sth) *or* slow (sb/sth) down to become slower, or to make something or someone slower *29*
slow up (sth/sb) *or* slow (sth/sb) up to become slower, or to make something or someone slower *29*
snap up sth *or* snap sth up to buy or get something quickly because it is very cheap or because it is exactly what you want *48*
snowed in if a person or place is snowed in, there is so much snow that it is impossible to travel anywhere or leave that place *61*
snowed under *informal* to have so much work that you have problems dealing with it *46*
sort out sth *or* sort sth out to arrange or organise things which are untidy *14*
sort out sth *or* sort sth out to make a decision about something by discussing it with someone else or by considering it carefully *1, 36*
sort yourself out *informal, British & Australian* to spend time dealing with your personal problems or organising your things *36*
spark off sth *or* spark sth off if something sparks off an activity [e.g. fighting, violence] or a state, it causes it to suddenly happen or exist *25*
speak out to publicly express your opinions, especially in order to criticise or oppose someone or something *38*
speak up to begin to speak more loudly *31, 50*
speak up to publicly express your opinions about something or someone, especially in order to support them *31*
spell out sth *or* spell sth out to explain something in detail and in a clear way *31*
spin-off *n* a product that develops from another more important product *49*
Spit it out! *informal* something you say to encourage someone to tell you something which they do not want to tell you *41*
splash out *informal* to spend a lot of money on something which is very pleasant but which you do not need *48*
split up if two people who are married or who have a romantic relationship split up, they end their marriage or relationship *53*
spread out if a group of people spread out, they move away from each other so that there is a wide space between them *14*
spread out sth *or* spread sth out to open something that is folded [e.g. map, towel] and put it down flat on a surface *42*
spread out if people or things are spread out, they are in different parts of a large area and are not close together *24*
spring from sth to be caused by something *25*
squeeze in sth/sb *or* squeeze sth/sb in to manage to do something or see someone when you are very busy and do not have much time available *46*
stamp out sth *or* stamp sth out to get rid of something that is considered wrong or harmful *30*
stand about/around/round to spend time standing in a place waiting for someone or doing very little *18*
stand by sb to continue to support or help someone when they are in a difficult situation *68*
standby *n* a cheap ticket for a flight or performance which is sold just before the flight or performance if there are any seats available *62*

stand down *British & Australian* to leave an important job or official position so that someone else can do it instead *45*
stand for sth if a letter stands for a word or name, it is the first letter of that word or name and it is used to represent it *19*
stand for sth *British & Australian* to compete in an election for an official position, or to try to be elected as a member of an organisation [e.g. parliament] *68*
stand in to do someone else's job for a short period of time, or to take someone else's place at an event, because that person cannot be there *33*
stand out to be much better than other similar things or people *40* **outstanding** *adj* extremely good, or of a very high standard *40*
stand out if someone or something stands out, they are very noticeable because they look different or behave differently from other people or things *32*
stand round see **stand about**
stand up sb *or* stand sb up to fail to meet someone on purpose, especially someone with whom you were starting to have a romantic relationship *59*
stand up for sth/sb to defend something that you believe is important [e.g. principle, right], or to defend a person who is being criticised *68*
stand up to sb if you stand up to a powerful person or organisation, you state your opinions forcefully and refuse to agree with them or do what they want *68*
start off to start a life, existence, or profession in a particular way *28*
start off to start a journey *62*
start out to start a life, existence, or profession in a particular way *28*
start up (sth) *or* start (sth) up if a business or other organisation starts up, or if someone starts one up, it is created and starts to operate *49*
stay ahead to continue to be more advanced and successful than other people *27*
stay away from sth to avoid something that has a bad effect on you *21*
stay behind to not leave a place when other people leave it *24*
stay in to remain at home, especially in the evening *24*
stay on to stay in a place longer than you planned or after other people have left it *24*
stay out to not come home at night, or to come home late *24*
stay out of sth to not become involved in a discussion or an argument *38*
stay over to spend the night somewhere instead of returning to your home or continuing your journey *17*
stay up to go to bed later than usual *58*
Steady on! *British & Australian* something that you say in order to tell someone that you think what they are saying is too extreme *41*
step down to leave your job, especially so that someone else can do it *45*
Step on it! *informal* something that you say to someone, especially someone who is driving, when you want them to hurry *41*
step up sth *or* step sth up to do more of an activity or to increase the speed of a process, usually in order to improve a situation *66*
stick around *informal* to stay somewhere for a period of time *18*
stick at sth to continue to work hard at something even though it is difficult or tiring *46*
stick by sb to continue to support someone when they are having problems *68*
stick out if part of something sticks out, it comes out beyond the edge or surface of something *32*
stick out if a quality or characteristic of someone or something sticks out, it is very easy to notice *32*
stick together *informal* if two or more people stick together, they support each other, especially when they are in a difficult situation *38*
stick up for sb *informal* to defend a person when they are being criticised *38*
stick with sth to do or use something as you had planned and not change to something else, or to continue doing something even though it is difficult *26*
stick with it *informal* to continue doing something even though it is difficult *19*
stir up sth *or* stir sth up to cause arguments or bad feeling between people, usually on purpose *25*
stock up to buy a lot of something, often food or drink *48*
stop off to visit a place for a short time when you are going somewhere else *62*
stop over to stop somewhere for a period of time when you are on a long journey *62*
stopover *n* a short stay in a place that you make while you are on a longer journey somewhere else *62*
stressed-out *adj* very worried and anxious *70*
stretch away if an area of land stretches away, it continues over a long distance *24*
sum up (sth/sb) *or* sum (sth/sb) up to describe briefly the most important facts or characteristics of something or someone *44*
suss out sb/sth *or* suss sb/sth out *informal, British & Australian* to discover what someone or something is really like, or to find out how a machine or piece of equipment works *69*
sweep up (sth) *or* sweep (sth) up to remove rubbish or dirt, usually from the floor, using a brush *13*

swell up if a part of your body swells up, it becomes larger or rounder than usual, often because of an illness or injury *56*

switch off (sth) or switch (sth) off to turn off an electrical device [e.g. light, radio] or an engine by using a switch *50, 64*

switch on (sth) or switch (sth) on to turn on an electrical device [e.g. light, radio] or an engine by using a switch *64*

swot up (sth) or swot (sth) up *informal, British & Australian* to learn as much as you can about something, especially before an exam *43*

tag along to go somewhere with a person, especially when they have not asked you to go with them *59*

tailback *n* a long line of traffic that is moving very slowly *63*

take after sb to have a similar appearance or character as an older member of your family *55*

take apart sth or take sth apart to separate something into its different parts *12*

take around/round sb or take sb around/round (swh) to walk through a building or to visit a place with someone, showing them the most interesting or important parts *18*

take aside sb or take sb aside to separate someone from a group of people so that you can speak to them privately *12*

take away sth or take sth away if you take one number away from another one, you subtract the first number from the second *12*

take away sth or take sth away *British & Australian* to buy food in a shop or restaurant and eat it somewhere else *60*

takeaway *n* a meal that you can buy and take somewhere else to eat, or a shop where you can buy this food *60*

take back sth or take sth back to return something to the person or organisation that you borrowed or bought it from *12*

take back sth or take sth back if a shop takes back goods that it has sold to you, it agrees to give you money or goods for them because they are damaged or unsuitable *20*

take back sth or take sth back to admit that something you said was wrong *12*

take back sb or take sb back if something takes you back, it makes you remember a period or an event in the past *23*

take down sth or take sth down to write something, especially something that someone says *1, 17*

take in sb or take sb in to let someone stay in your house *5*

take in sb or take sb in to deceive someone, or to make someone believe something that is not true *5, 67*

take in sth or take sth in to look at something carefully, noticing all the details *5, 12*

take in sth or take sth in to understand the meaning or importance of news or information, or to understand and remember facts *5, 35*

take in sth or take sth in if a boat takes in water, water enters the boat through a hole *5*

take in sth or take sth in to make a piece of clothing narrower by removing the sewing from the edges and sewing closer to the middle of the material *5, 16*

take off sth or take sth off to remove something, especially something that you are wearing *2*

take off sth or take sth off to spend time away from your work *22*

take off if an aircraft, bird, or insect takes off, it moves from the ground and begins to fly *62*

take-off *n* when an aircraft leaves the ground and begins to fly *62*

take off to suddenly become successful or popular *27*

take off to suddenly leave somewhere, especially without telling anyone that you are going *12*

take off sth or take sth off (sth) to subtract a particular amount from a total *12*

take off sb/sth or take sb/sth off to copy the way a person behaves, or to copy the way something is done, often in order to make people laugh *33*

take on sb or take sb on to begin to employ someone *45*

take on sth or take sth on to accept a particular job or responsibility and begin to do what is needed *45*

take out sth or take sth out to get money from a bank *47*

take out sth or take sth out to arrange to get an official document [e.g. insurance policy] from an organisation or court of law *12*

take out sth on sb or take sth out on sb to treat someone badly because you are upset or angry, even though they have done nothing wrong *40*

take sth out of sb to make someone feel very tired *12*

take over (sth) or take (sth) over to start doing a job or being responsible for something that someone else was doing or was responsible for before you *45*

take over sth or take sth over to get control of a company by buying most of its shares (= the equal parts into which the ownership of the company is divided) *49*

takeover *n* an act of gaining control of a company *49*

take over to become more successful or powerful than something or someone else that is involved in the same type of activity *27*

take round see **take around**
take sb through sth to explain something to someone, or to show someone how to do something *20*
take to sb/sth to start to like someone or something *51*
take to sth/doing sth to start to do something often *12*
take up sth *or* **take sth up** to start doing a particular job or activity *12*
take sb up on sth to accept an offer that someone has made *12*
taken up with sth to be very busy doing something *12*
talk sb around/round to persuade someone to agree with you or to do what you want them to do *39*
talk down to sb to talk to someone as if they were less clever than you *54*
talk over sth *or* **talk sth over** to discuss a problem or situation, especially before making a decision about it *3, 36*
talk sb into sth/doing sth to persuade someone to do something *39*
talk sb out of sth/doing sth to persuade someone not to do something *39*
tear apart sth *or* **tear sth apart** to pull something violently so that it breaks into two or more pieces *30*
tear sb apart to make someone feel very unhappy *51*
tear sb away to force someone to stop doing something that they enjoy in order to do something else *21*
tear down sth *or* **tear sth down** to destroy a building or other structure because it is not being used or it is not wanted any more *4, 30*
tear up sth *or* **tear sth up** to tear something, especially paper or cloth, into a lot of small pieces *29*
tell sb/sth apart to be able to see the differences between two similar things or people and judge which is which *32*
tell sth/sb from sth/sb if you can tell one person or thing from a similar person or thing, you are able to say which of them is which because you can see the differences between them *32*
tell off sb *or* **tell sb off** to speak angrily to someone because they have done something wrong *69*
text back sb *or* **text sb back** to send a text message in reply to someone *70*
thaw out (sth) *or* **thaw (sth) out** if frozen food thaws out, or if you thaw it out, it is taken out of a freezer so that it gradually becomes warmer and is not frozen any more *60*
think ahead to think carefully about what might happen in the future, or to make plans for things you want to do in the future *37*
think back to think about things that happened in the past *23*
think over sth *or* **think sth over** to think carefully about an idea or plan before making a decision *3, 37*
think through sth *or* **think sth through** to think carefully about something you are planning to do and to consider the possible results of it *3, 37*
throw yourself into sth to start doing something with a lot of enthusiasm and energy *21, 69*
throw out sb *or* **throw sb out** to force someone to leave a college, school, house or organisation *43*
throw up (sth) *or* **throw (sth) up** to vomit *56*
thrown together if people are thrown together in a situation, that situation causes them to meet each other and to get to know each other *34*
tidy away sth *or* **tidy sth away** *British & Australian* to put things in cupboards and drawers, etc. after you have been using them *21*
tidy up (sth) *or* **tidy (sth) up** to make a room or a group of things tidy by putting things in the correct place *5, 13*
tie in with sth if one event ties in with another, it is planned so that both events happen at the same time *33*
tie up sth *or* **tie sth up** to put string or rope around something so that it is fastened together *29*
tied up *informal* to be busy so that you are unable to see or speak to anyone else or go anywhere *46*
tip off sb *or* **tip sb off** to warn someone secretly about something that will happen so that they can take action or prevent it from happening *67*
tip-off *n* a secret warning or piece of secret information *67*
tone down sth *or* **tone sth down** to make a piece of writing, a speech, or a performance less offensive or less critical *44*
top up sb *or* **top sb up** to put more drink into someone's glass or cup *60*
top-up *n* more drink poured into a glass or cup *60*
touch down when an aircraft touches down, it lands on the ground *62*
touchdown *n* when an aircraft lands *62*
touch on/upon sth to mention a subject briefly when speaking or writing about something *44*
track down sb/sth *or* **track sb/sth down** to find someone or something after searching for them in many different places *35*
trigger off sth *or* **trigger sth off** to make something suddenly begin, often a difficult or violent situation *25*

try on sth or try sth on to put on a piece of clothing to find out whether it fits you or whether you like it, especially before buying it *16*
try out sth or try sth out to test something in order to find out if it works or to decide whether you like it *14*
tucked away to be in a quiet or hidden place which not many people see or go to *24*
turn down sb/sth or turn sb/sth down to refuse an offer or request *31*
turn in *informal* to go to bed *58*
turn off sth or turn sth off to touch a switch so that a machine or a piece of electrical equipment stops working, or to stop the flow or supply of something [e.g. water, electricity] *2, 64*
turn off (sth) to leave the road you are travelling on and travel along another one *63*
turn-off *n* a place where you can leave a main road and go onto another road *63*
turn off sb or turn sb off (sth) to make someone decide that they are not interested in something *15*
turn on sth or turn sth on to touch a switch so that a machine or a piece of electrical equipment starts to work, or to start a flow or supply of something [e.g. water, electricity] *64*
turn on sb or turn sb on to make someone interested in something *52*
turn on/upon sb to attack someone or criticise someone very strongly *30*
turn out to happen in a particular way or to have a particular result *34*
turn over (sth) or turn (sth) over to turn a page in a book so that the side which was facing down is now facing up *3, 44*
turn to sb to ask someone for help, sympathy or advice *31*
turn to sth to start to do or take something bad [e.g. crime, drugs, drink], usually because you are unhappy *55*
turn (sth) to sth if someone turns to a particular subject, or if they turn their thoughts or attention to it, they begin to think, speak or write about it *35*
turn up sth or turn sth up to increase the amount of something, especially sound or heat, that is produced by a machine [e.g. television, oven] *64*
turn up if someone or something turns up somewhere, they arrive at that place *1, 2, 5, 13*
turnout *n* the number of people who come to watch or take part in an event or activity *33*
turnover *n* the total amount of money made by a company or business in a particular period of time *4, 49*
type in sth or type sth in to put information into a computer using a keyboard *65*
upkeep *n* the cost or process of keeping something, such as a building, in good condition *49*
use up sth or use sth up to finish a supply of something *13*
veg out *informal* to relax and spend time doing very little *70*
visit with sb *American* to spend time talking with someone that you know *69*
wait about/around to stay in one place without doing anything while you are waiting for something to happen *18*
wait up to stay awake because you are expecting someone to arrive *58*
Wait up! *American* something you say to tell someone to stop so that you can talk to them or go somewhere with them *69*
wake up (sb) or wake (sb) up to become conscious after sleeping, or to make someone do this *3, 58*
wake up to sth to become aware of a situation or problem *26*
walk into sth to get a job very easily *27*
walk off with sth *informal* to steal something, or to take something without the owner's permission *67*
walk out to leave a performance or meeting before it has ended because you do not like it or because you are angry *33*
warm to sth to become more enthusiastic about an idea *51*
warm up (sth) or warm (sth) up to prepare yourself for a physical activity by doing some gentle exercise *4, 57*
warm up (sth/sb) or warm (sth/sb) up to become warmer, or to make something or someone warmer *61*
warm-up *n* a preparation for physical activity *4, 57*
wash up (sth) or wash (sth) up *British & Australian* to clean the plates, pans and other things you have used for cooking and eating a meal *69*
wash up *American* to clean your hands and face with soap and water *69*
Watch out! something you say to tell someone to be careful so that they can avoid danger or an accident *41*
watch out for sb/sth to be careful to notice someone or something interesting *35*
watch out for sth to be careful to notice something, especially something that might cause you problems *35*
wear down (sth) or wear (sth) down to make someone feel tired and less able to deal with a situation *17*
wear off if a feeling or the effect of something [e.g. anaesthetic, alcohol] wears off, it gradually disappears *26*

wear out (sth) or wear (sth) out use something so much that it becomes weak or damaged and cannot be used any more, or to become weak and damaged in this way *14*

weigh down sb or weigh sb down if you are weighed down with something, you are carrying too much of it *17*

weigh on/upon sb/sth if a problem or responsibility weighs on you, it makes you worried or unhappy *16*

weigh up sth or weigh sth up to think carefully about the advantages and disadvantages involved in a situation before making a decision *37*

while away sth or while sth away to spend time in a relaxed way because you are waiting for something or because you have nothing else to do *22*

wind down (sth) or wind (sth) down if a business or organisation winds down, or if someone winds it down, the amount of work it does is gradually reduced until it closes completely *49*

wind down to gradually relax after doing something that has made you feel tired or worried *28*

wind up to finally be in a particular place, state, or situation, especially without having planned it *55*

wind up doing sth to finally do something, especially without having planned to *55*

wind up sb or wind sb up *informal, British* to tell someone something that is not true in order to make a joke *54*

work at sth/doing sth to try hard to achieve something or improve something *46*

work off sth or work sth off to get rid of an unpleasant feeling [e.g. aggression, anger] by doing something energetic *57*

work on/upon sth to spend time working in order to produce or repair something *46*

work out sth or work sth out to do a calculation to get an answer to a mathematical question *42*

work out sth or work sth out to understand something or to find the answer to something by thinking about it *69*

work out to exercise in order to improve the strength or appearance of your body *57*

work through sth or work sth through to deal with a problem or difficulty by talking about it in detail *36*

work towards sth to try hard to achieve something *46*

wrap up sth or wrap sth up to cover something in paper, cloth, or other material, especially in order to give it to someone as a present or in order to protect it *29*

wrap up (sb) or wrap (sb) up to dress in warm clothes, or to dress someone in warm clothes or cover them with material that protects them from the cold *32*

wriggle out of sth *informal* to avoid doing something that other people think you should do, often in a dishonest way *46*

write down sth or write sth down to write something on a piece of paper so that you do not forget it *17*

write off sth or write sth off to accept that an amount of money [e.g. debt, investment] has been lost or will never be paid *47*

write off sth or write sth off to damage a vehicle so badly that it cannot be repaired *63*

write-off *n* a vehicle that is too badly damaged to be repaired *63*

write out sth or write sth out to write something [e.g. report, list] on paper, often in order to write it in a better or more complete way *44*

write out sth or write sth out to write information on a document [e.g. cheque, prescription] so that it can be used *44*

write up sth or or write sth up to write something on paper or on a computer in a complete or final form, often using notes you have made *43*

zoom in if a camera zooms in, it starts to show a clear and detailed picture of something, as if the camera was moving closer to that thing *65*

zoom out if a camera zooms out, it starts to show someone or something in less detail, as if the camera was moving away from that person or thing *65*